

## Regional dialog on options to promote more inclusive weather index insurance

**October 27 and 28, 2021, 4.00 – 6.15 PM Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi time (10.30 AM to 12:45 PM GMT)**

**Organized by:** International Water Management Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka

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It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the forthcoming regional dialog on “Options to promote inclusive weather index insurance (WII)”. While potentially important adaptation mechanisms in the face of climatic uncertainty, WII initiatives are needed to recognize heterogeneity among smallholder farmers and innovatively identify the challenges and opportunities to transforming inequality and exclusion through a deeper understanding of social, cultural, institutional, and economic contexts. Based on a shared understanding of vulnerability and exclusion among South Asia’s agrarian smallholders, this dialog is expected to develop a transdisciplinary framework that enables overlaying cutting-edge technical interventions in dealing with weather change with tools and approaches to tailor WII products and schemes that better accommodate the needs of the most disadvantaged groups.



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The outcomes of this workshop will also include i) a better understanding of how different stakeholders view the issue of social inclusion and practical considerations in promoting this, and ii) a set of actions and commitments on how develop more socially inclusive WII products that will come from participating insurance and re-insurance companies, national and local governments and donors working on these issues in the region. Since the subjects are of interest to a broader audience, they are also open to all interested persons, so please do not hesitate to share this information with your colleagues. The dialog will be interactive; you will be invited to share your questions and comments.

### **Agenda (Day-1):**

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| 04:00-04:05 | Welcome and opening remarks   | <b>Dr. Simon Langan</b> , Director, Digital Innovation and IWMI Sri Lanka Country Manager |
| 04:05-04:10 | Instructions from the Moderator   | Ms. Mandakini Surie   |
| 04:10-04:20 | Objectives of the Dialog  | <b>Mohamad Aheyyar</b> , Researcher, IWMI   |
| 04:20-04:30 | Setting scene: Social inclusion in climate insurance: why it is important | <b>Dr. Deepa Joshi</b> , Lead Scientist – Gender Youth and Inclusion, IWMI/WLE            |

- 04:30 – 05:00 Country presentations on inclusive weather index insurance: objectives and challenges (Government)  
**India: Mr. Dilip . D. Dange**, Deputy General Manager, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, India  
**Sri Lanka: Ms. Kasundari Dissanayake**, Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board, Sri Lanka  
**Nepal: Mr. Shiva Sundar Ghimire**, Focal person for Agricultural insurance, Dept. of Agriculture, Nepal
- 05:00-05:10 Index based crop insurance for climate risk transfer: Current status, challenges and way forward **Dr. Giriraj Amarnath**, Research Group Leader, Water risks and Disasters, IWMI
- 05:10 – 05:55 Insurer’s perspectives on insurance models and inclusive strategies
- Lessons from index insurance models implemented by SANASA Insurance in Sri Lanka **Ravindu Mangala Herath**, SANASA Insurance, Sri Lanka  
Lessons from index insurance products implemented by Green Delta insurance Ltd in Bangladesh, **Syed Moinuddin Ahmed**, Additional Managing Director & Company Secretary, Green Delta Insurance, Bangladesh  
Agricultural insurance experiences of Shikhar Insurance, Nepal **Mr. Udit Prasad Kafle**, Deputy General Manager, Shikhar Insurance, Nepal  
Gender-inclusive insurance -A Global perspective **Dr. Berber Kramer**, IFPRI
- 05:55-06:10 Discussion, Q&A Moderated by **Ms. Mandakini Surie**

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#### **Agenda Day-2:**

- 04:00-04:05 Welcome and Introduction to the sessions **Ms. Mandakini Surie**, Moderator  
04:05 – 04:15 Introduction to the Dialog- Draft framework and guideline and overall objectives **Sanjiv de Silva**, Senior Regional Researcher in Natural Resources Governance, IWMI  
04:15 – 04:20 Instructions for group work **Ms. Mandakini Surie**, Moderator  
04:20-05:00 Discussion of the Framework and Guidelines: possibilities, challenges, options (three breakout sessions)  
05:00-05:30 Group presentations  
05:30-06:10 General discussion and way forward -Common and different views, next steps and commitments towards the possibility to implement/test the Guidelines and what is needed for formal adoption, Moderated by **Sanjiv de Silva**, Senior Regional Researcher in Natural Resources Governance, IWMI

#### **How to attend**

Participation is through registration only. Please in the following [link](#)

#### **Information**

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